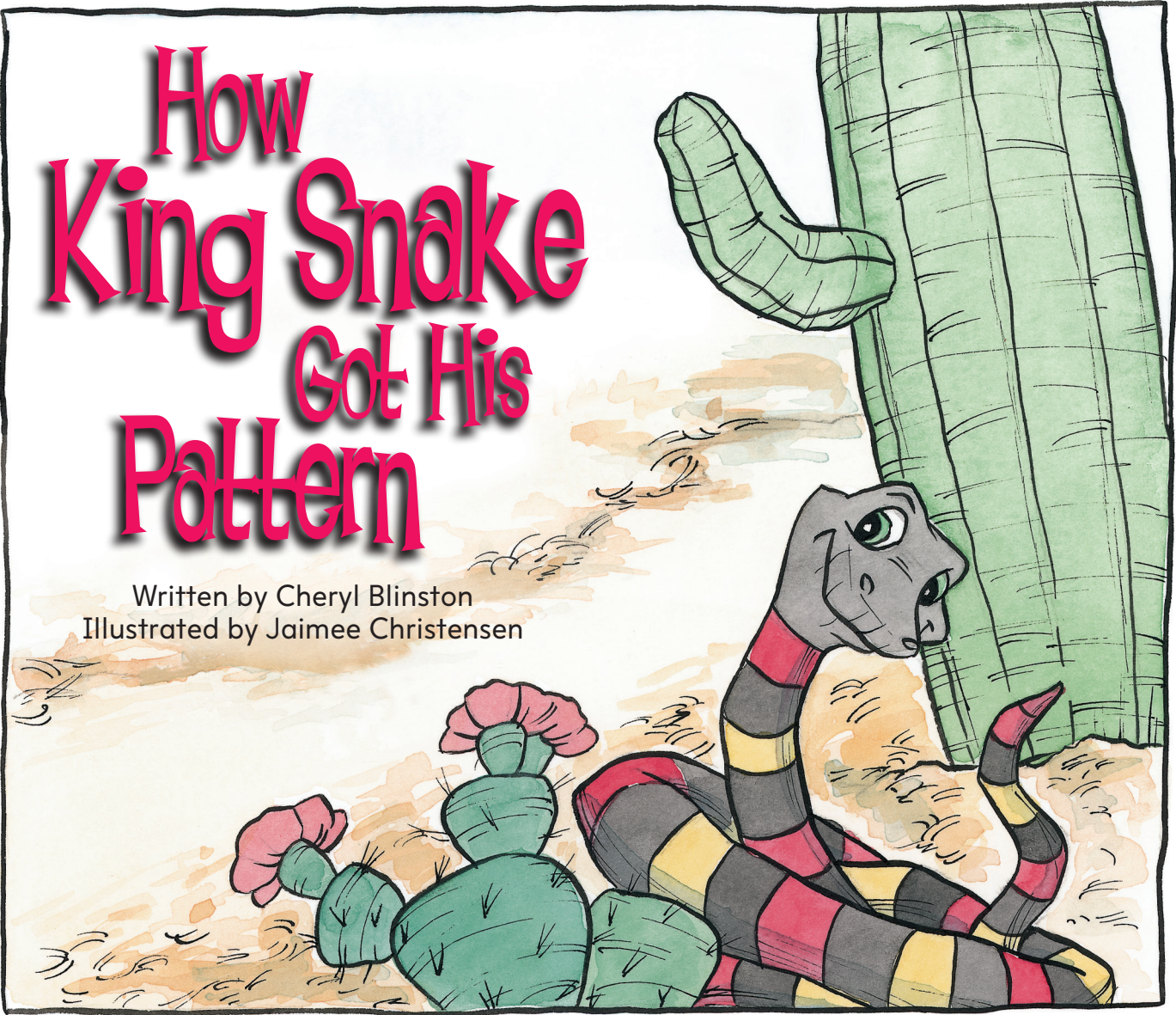


# How King Snake Got His Pattern

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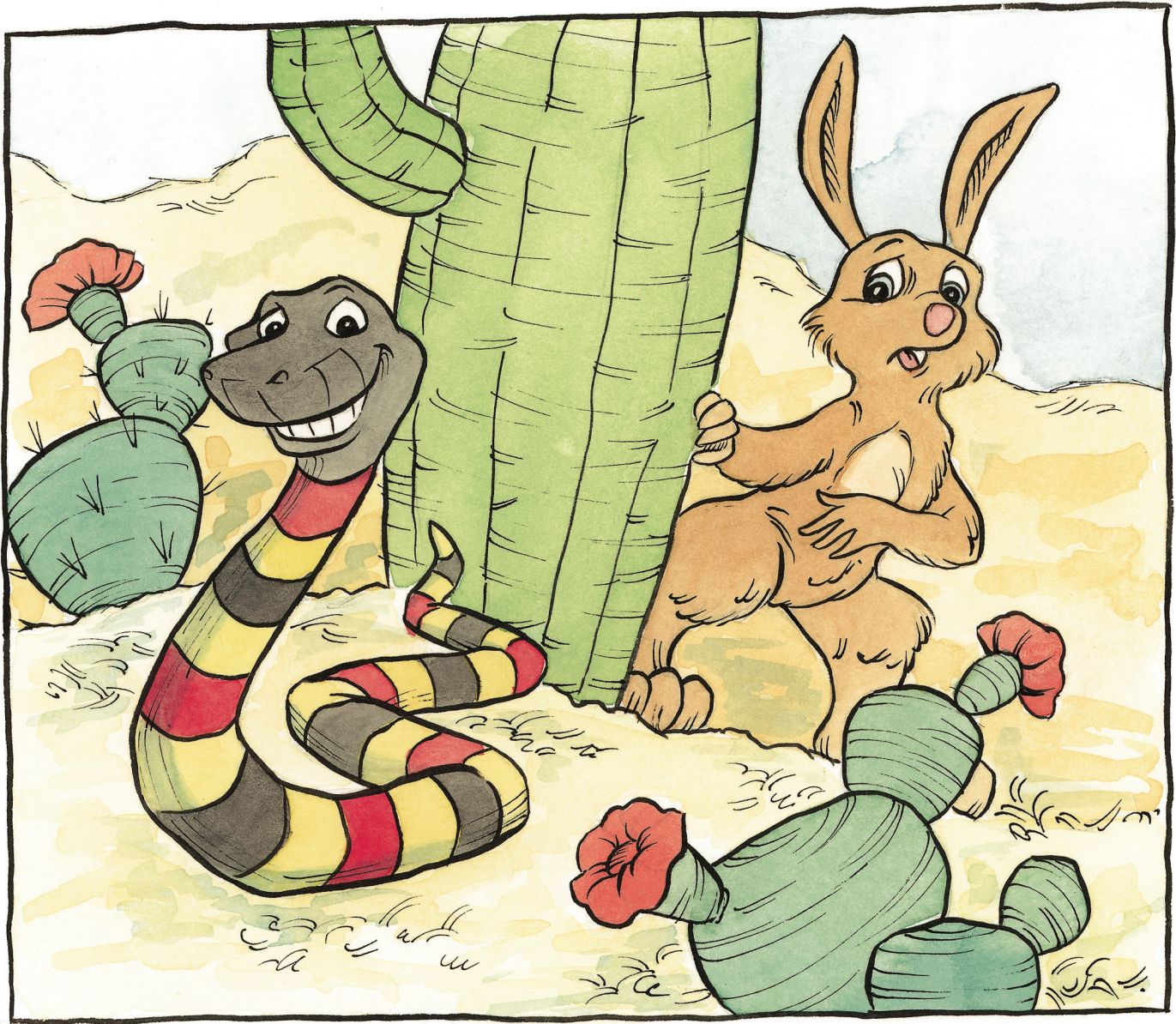






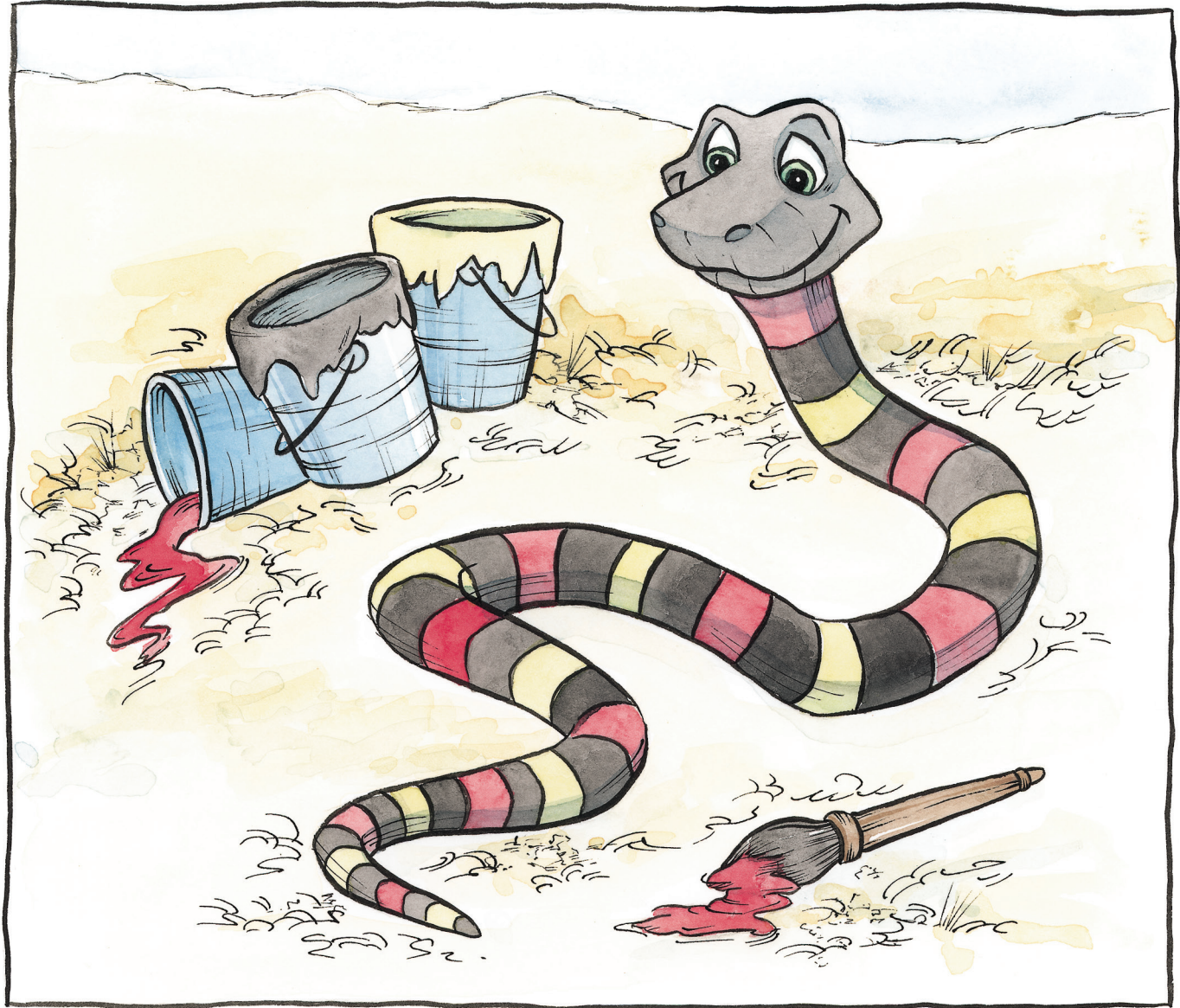
Once upon a time, King Snake was brown and plain.  
He was so plain that no one was afraid of him.





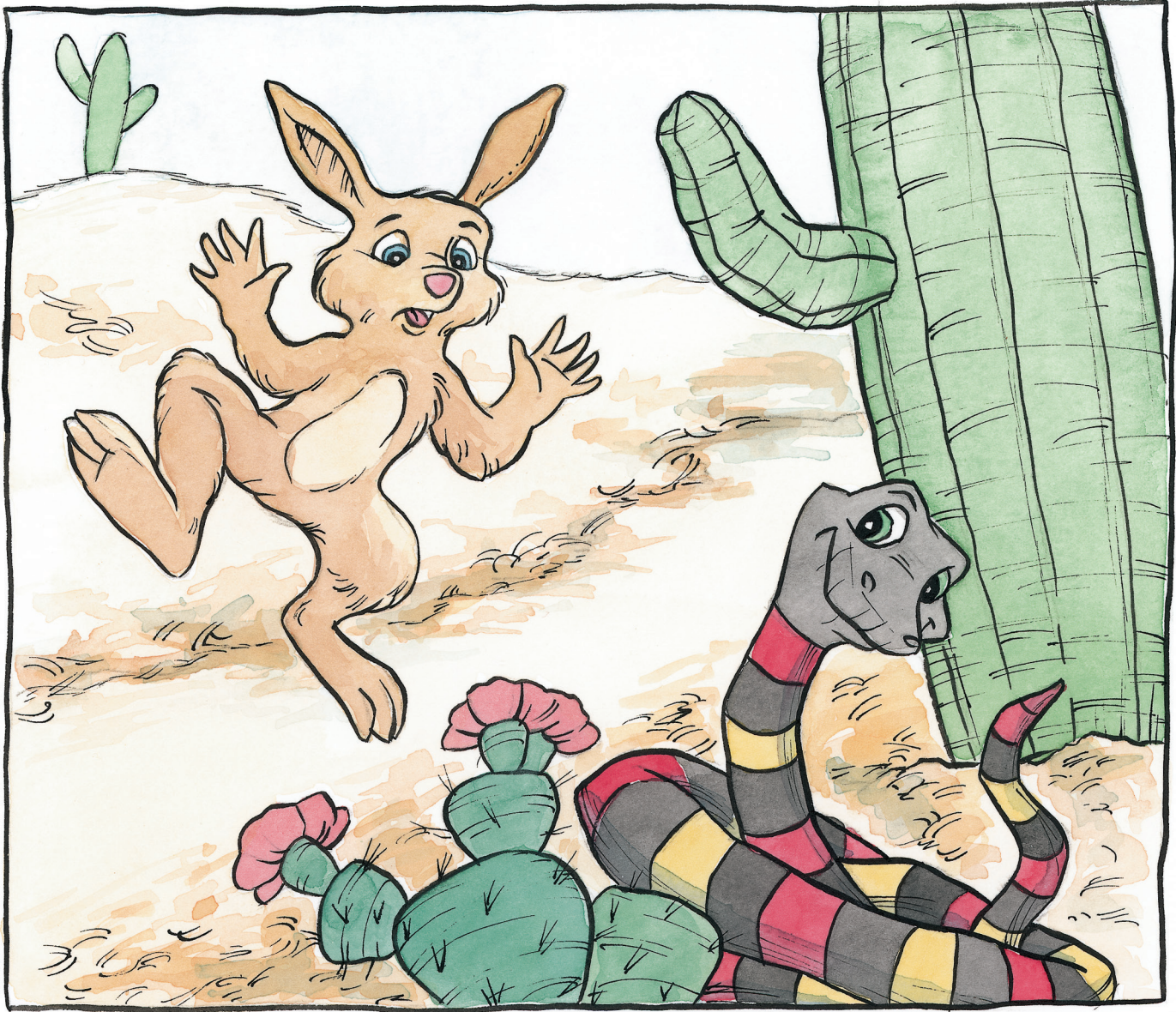


But everyone was afraid of his cousin, Coral Snake. Coral Snake's colors were bright. Others knew he was dangerous.



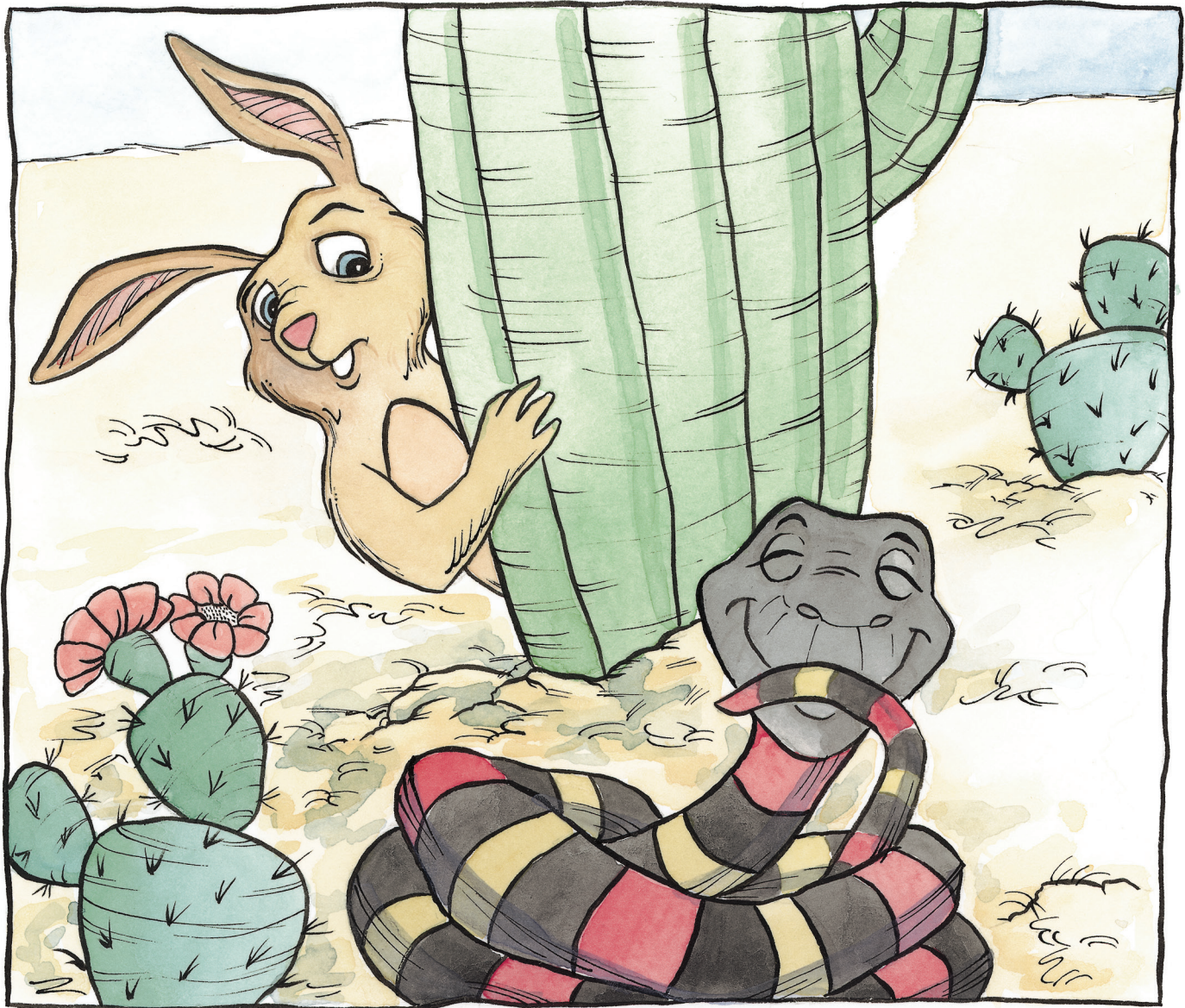


King Snake decided to paint his scales to match Coral Snake's colors. He wanted others to be afraid of him, too. He painted black, yellow, and red in a bright pattern. Then he slithered out to scare someone.





Rabbit hopped along. When Rabbit saw King Snake, he jumped quickly away. King Snake laughed. He had fooled Rabbit.





Rabbit heard King Snake laughing and went back.  
He looked closely at King Snake's colors.





“King Snake, you almost fooled me,” he said. “But you painted your pattern wrong. Coral Snake is red, yellow, black, yellow, not red, black, yellow, black.”

Then it was Rabbit’s turn to laugh. Soon King Snake was laughing, too.

And that is how King Snake got his pattern.

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